A CONDENSED RECORD OF
THE MOWAT GOVERNMENT

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Eighteen years of Good Government.
Eighteen years of Wise Economy.
Eighteen years of Beneficent Legislation.

Such continuous confidence (viz., eighteen years of Government) was never before extended to any Premier or Cabinet, in either the Mother Land or any of the Colonies. The largest record in the annals of British Parliamentary Government (the first Pitt Ministry which remained in power for seventeen and a half years) has been distanced by a Canadian Statesman—Oliver Mowat.

How has the Mowat Government dealt with its Finances?

It has distributed $3,447,525 to the municipalities under the Municipal Loan Fund. It has invested $1,084,705 in drainage debentures.

It has returned to the people no less a sum than $27,429,370 during eighteen years for education, agriculture and arts, hospitals and charities, asylums, administration of justice and colonization roads.

In addition to this liberal expenditure it has a surplus of $6,427,252.

What has the Mowat Government done for the Municipalities?

It has produced a Municipal Law which, in the opinion of the late Chief Justice Harrison, "forms the most complete and perfect code of the kind that he knew of in any country of the world." This law includes :—

Assessment reforms.
Exemption reforms.
Control of city police by commissioners.
Improvement of the law regarding watercourses, line fences, bridges and public highways.
Improvement of the debenture laws.
Improvement and extension of the drainage laws.
The local improvement plan for street improvements.
Extension of the municipal franchise.
The establishment of industrial farms and houses of refuge.
Licensing transient traders.
Facilitating the purchase and abolition of toll roads by municipalities.

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What has the Mowat Government done for the Administration of Justice?

It has instituted radical law reforms and materially simplified the law practice
It has given us the Judicature Act.
It has given us the Division Court Act.
It has given us two revisions of the Statutes.

What has the Mowat Government done for Education ?

It has expended $9,448,828 during eighteen years on education.

In conformity to the advice of the late Dr. Ryerson (then Chief Superintendent of Education) it put the Department of Education under the direct and responsible control of a Minister of the Crown.

It effected a useful and important consolidation of the Provincial school laws.

It has improved the school system on sixteen distinct lines, making it the most complete and effective of any similar system in the world.

It has done much to further Higher Education in the Colleges and University.

It has expended a large sum for the establishment and equipment of a School of Practical Science.

It has established County Model Schools, Training Institutes, Art Schools, Teachers' Associations and Mechanics' Institutes.

It has dealt satisfactorily with the French and German Schools, Separate Schools, and with Text Books.

What has the Mowat Government done for Temperance ?

It has satisfactorily regulated the liquor traffic.

It has given us the Crooks Act which has reduced the number of licenses from 6,185 in 1874-5 to 2,485 in 1888-9.

It has increased the total revenue (Municipal and Provincial) from licenses to $422,809 in 1888-9.

It has met the growth of temperance sentiment by more stringent legislation.

It has conferred the powers of a local option law in all cases of new applications under the amendments of 1890. This Act also

Prohibits the sale of intoxicating *iquor on vessels* navigating the lakes and rivers of the Province ;

Increases the age of "minors" from "sixteen" to "eighteen," thus subjecting to a penalty those who *sell liquor to persons* UNDER EIGHTEEN *years of age ;*

Provides a penalty when liquor is supplied to any person under twenty-one years, in respect to whom notice in writing has been given, prohibiting such licensed victualler to sell or supply liquor to the party in question ;

And gives greater authority to search unlicensed premises and "dives" to seize liquor and arrest persons found on said premises.

What has the Mowat Government done on the line of Public Works and Buildings ?

It has expended $4,400,000 on Public Works since 1872.

It is now superintending the erection of new and commodious Parliament Buildings.

It has expended nearly $2,500,000 on the erection and improvement of Asylums for the Insane and Idiotic.

It has expended nearly $500,000 on the erection and improvement of Institutes for the Blind and Deaf.

It has expended over $750,000 Educational Buildings.

What has the Mowat Government done to Maintain Provincial Rights ?

It has established the legislative rights of the Province, after a series of appeals from the decisions of the Dominion Government to the Privy Council, in the following test cases :

The Insurance Case.
The Escheats Case.
The Rivers and Streams Case.
The Liquor License Case.
The Boundary Award.
The Indian Titles Case.

What has the Mowat Government done for the Farmers?

It has established and successfully carried on an Agricultural College.
It has facilitated the holding of Farmers' Institutes.
It collects accurate agricultural statistics.
It has given liberal grants to electoral district, township agricultural and horticultural societies, totalling $1,118 421 since 1871.
It has given liberal grants to

The Fruit Growers' Association.	The Entomological Society.
The Dairymen's Association.	The Poultry Association.
The Creameries Association.	The Beekeepers' Association.

It has authorized township municipalities, under certain conditions, to borrow money from the Provincial Government and loan it to farmers to enable them to tile drain their land.
It has instituted a forest propaganda.
It has added the portfolio of Minister of Agriculture to the Cabinet.
It has granted $2,114,578 under the head of "Agriculture and Arts" during the past 18 years.

What has the Mowat Government done for the Laboring Classes?

It passed the Mechanics' Lien Act.
It passed the Employers' Liability Act.
It passed the Factory Act.
It passed the Railway Accidents Act.
It passed the Act for the Relief of Co-operative Associations.
It passed the Creditor's Relief Act (which applies to wage-earners).
It passed the Franchise and Representation Act of 1885.
It collects valuable industrial statistics.

What has the Mowat Government done as to the Representation of the People?

It has established *Manhood Suffrage* for the Legislative Assembly.
It has provided the system of voting by ballot.
It has passed "The Ontario Voters' Lists Act, 1889."
It has perfected the law relating to election trials.
It has readjusted and equalized the representation throughout the Province with equity and fairness.

What has the Mowat Government done for Colonization Railways?

The "Railway Fund" was increased in 1872 from $1,500,000 to $1,900,000, and a "Railway Subsidy Fund" was created by setting apart the sum of $100,000 a year for 20 years.

Special appropriation to particular colonization railways were made by Acts passed in 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1881.

In the sessions of 1889 and 1890, aid was voted to certain colonization railways in the district of Thunder Bay, Algoma, Parry Sound, and Nipissing. $828,000 was thus voted during the last two sessions.

Over seven and a-half millions of dollars have been given back to the people out of surplus revenues by grants to railways.

Their liberality in this respect has secured the building or projected building of 8,000 miles of railway in Ontario.

What has the Mowat Government done for the Insane, the Blind, the Deaf, and the Idiotic?

It has expended $10,481,990 upon hospitals, charities, and asylums.

It has four large asylums for the insane, and an asylum for the idiotic with patients, accommodating in all 3,167 patients.

It has institutes for the deaf and dumb, and blind.

It grants aid to 66 charitable institutions.

What has the Mowat Government done for the New Districts?

It has opened up for location as Free Grants 126 Townships.

It has aided railroads opening up the back country.

It has built 3,250 miles of Colonization Roads.

It has repaired 6,670 miles of Roads.

It has built 53,708 feet of Bridges.

It has spent on Roads and Bridges two millions of dollars.

It has aided Poor Schools in the back country.

It has aided Agricultural Societies in the back country.

It has spent on Locks, Bridges and other Public Works nearly one million of dollars.

It has located twenty-two thousand of people in the back country on Free Grants and has by its wise and liberal policy settled up thousands of miles of territory with a thriving population.

What has the Mowat Government done with the Crown Domain?

The total area of the Province is 126 millions of acres.

Of this 36 millions of acres are surveyed—

Leaving 90 millions of acres unsurveyed.

The area sold and disposed of is 21 millions of acres.

Leaving yet in the hands of the Crown 105 millions of acres.

Mr. Mowat's Government has surveyed 242 Townships.

It has opened up for settlement as Free Grants 126 Townships.

It has located 22,000 persons equal to a population of 100,000 in Free Grant Townships.

It has sold one and a half millions of acres of Crown Lands for $1,700,000.

It has sold 3,276 miles of Timber Limits for $2,460,081. Bonus, say $751 per mile or $1.17 per acre, just for the right to cut and still retains the land and dues $1.00 per 1,000 feet.

It has collected for sales of Crown Lands.....	$3,087,310 37
It has collected for Bonuses, Dues, etc.....	10,828,347 80
Total collections	$13,915,658 17

What has the Mowat Government done for the general interests of the people of Ontario?

It has passed an important measure for the prevention of accidents and loss of life by fire in hotels and other public buildings.

It has established a Provincial Board of Health, which has done much to protect the public from the ravages of infectious diseases.

By the decision of the Privy Council in the Boundary Award over 100,000 square miles of territory was added to Ontario's area.

It has administered the affairs of the Province in the interests of *the whole people* and on a basis of equal rights.